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SUBJECT: IMMINENT GOC BAN ON IMPORTS U.S. CATTLE AND MEAT

PASS AGRICULTURE: ASST. SECRETARY YEUTTER; MULHERN, WISE,
STEINMETZ/APHIS; HUME, GOODMAN, HARTMANN/FAS

REF: OTTAWA 885, MARCH 27, 1974

GOC BAN ON IMPORTS U.S. BEEF CATTLE AND MEAT APPEARS IMMINENT. USDA AND EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES IN FRIDAY MEETING OTTAWA WITH GOC INTER-AGENCY OFFICIALS CONTINUED DISCUSSION PROPOSALS GOC MADE TO APHIS/USDA IN MARCH 19-20 MEETING WASHINGTON; HOWEVER MEETING HERE UNABLE DEVELOP MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE USDA CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR ABSENCE DES IN EXPORTS TO CANADA. U.S. SIDE PRESSED FOR EXTENSION REFTEL APRIL 1 (ONE) DEADLINE. DEPMINAGR REPLIED THAT MOUNTING PARLIAMENTARY AND CONSUMER PRESSURES "FORCING OUR (MINAGR WHELAN AND MINHEALTH& WELFARE LALONDE) AND SHORTLY." USDA/APHIS REPRESENTATIVE STATED HE WOULD PRESENT SUBSTANCE OF MEETING TO WASHINGTON SUPERIORS AND ADVISE CANADA DEPARTMENT AGRICULTURE MEAT INSPECTION OFFICIALS, HOPEFULLY MONDAY.

COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES MOUNTING PARLIAMENTARY CONCERN WITH MINHEALTH & WELFARE LALONDE NOT ENFORCING LAW THAT "NO PERSON SHALL SELL AS FOOD MEAT FROM AN ANIMAL WHICH HAS BEEN FED DES" TOGETHER WITH REPEATED CANADIAN CATTLEMEN AND PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION TO MINAGR WHELAN ALLEGING UNFAIR ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE FOR

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U.S. PRODUCERS USING DES BRINGING SITUATION RAPIDLY TO HEAD.

SATURDAY MONRING RADIO QUOTES MINAG HORNER OF ALBERTA PREPARED TO
MOVE UNILATERALLY TO CONFISCATE DES BEEF IN ALBERTA.
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